GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:401
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003
POOR SANITATION IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
DHANI RAM SHANDIL;DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government hospitals in Delhi are becoming breeding ground for infection owing to poor sanitation as reported in the Times of India dated March 3, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the preventive measures being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is shortage of essential medicines and equipment in these hospitals; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 401 FOR 9.4.2003

It is not correct to say that Government Hospitals in Delhi are becoming breeding ground for infection owing to poor sanitation. Infection Control Committee/Mechanism is in existence in all these Hospitals to monitor and ensure strict implementation of prevention of hospital-acquired infections which are mainly due to emerging drug resistance and over crowding. Through regular monitoring, hospital infection in Government hospitals at Delhi is being contained.

There is no shortage of essential medicines and equipment in Central Government Hospitals in Delhi.Medicines, as per the hospital formulary, are distributed to the patients free of cost. Essential and life saving medicines are also procured and supplied to the poor patients free of cost.

Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that adequate measures for sanitation are being taken in their hospitals and work of sanitation is being privatized for improving sanitary conditions. They have further informed that the purchase of medicines in their hospitals is done by centralized committee on the basis of requirement and there is no shortage of essential medicine in these hospitals. In case of non-availability of a particular medicine, the hospital authorities are empowered to procure these medicines at their own level.